

What is seasonal thermal energy storage (STES)?

Seasonal thermal energy storage (STES) harvests and stores sustainable heat sources, such as solar thermal energy and waste heat, in summer and uses them in winter for heating purposes, facilitating the replacement of fossil fuel-based heat supply and coordinating the seasonal mismatch between heat supply and demand.

How can cross-seasonal thermal storage improve solar energy utilization?

As heat storage volume increases, hot water preparation costs and heat loss per unit volume decrease. Thus, developing large-scale cross-seasonal thermal storage systems is an effective solution to improve the thermal efficiency and solar energy utilization of solar heating systems.

Can solar thermal energy be used for cross-seasonal heating?

The increase in the tank temperature at the end of the heating period was beneficial for shortening the duration of the heat storage period for the following year. The feasibility of utilizing solar thermal energy and cascaded phase change heat storage for cross-seasonal heating has been demonstrated in this study.

What is solar thermal energy storage?

Solar thermal energy storage is used in many applications: buildings, concentrating solar power plants and industrial processes. Solar thermal water heaters capable of heating water during the day and storing the heated water for evening use are common. TES improves system performance by smoothing supply and demand and temperature fluctuations.

What is combined thermal energy storage?

Combined thermal energy storage is the novel approach to store thermal energy by combining both sensible and latent storage. Based on the literature review, it was found that most of the researchers carried out their work on sensible and latent storage systems with the different storage media and heat transfer fluids.

What are heat storage methods for solar-driven cross-seasonal heating?

Heat storage methods for solar-driven cross-seasonal heating include tank thermal energy storage (TTES), pit thermal energy storage (PTES), borehole thermal energy storage (BTES), and aquifer thermal energy storage (ATES) 14, 15, 16. As heat storage volume increases, hot water preparation costs and heat loss per unit volume decrease.

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In thermal energy storage systems, PCMs are essential for storing energy during high renewable energy generation periods, such as solar and wind. This energy storage capability allows for more efficient supply and demand management, enhancing grid stability and supporting the integration of renewable energy sources [9].

The generation of solar thermal power generation technology is led by power generation efficiency (Gonzalez-Roubaud et al., 2017). The first generation of solar thermal power generation technology uses water or thermal oil as the heat transfer medium. The system operating temperature is 230 ~ 430 °C, and the average annual efficiency is less ...

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